

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, Claims 35-58 will be pending in this application. Claims 1-34 are hereby canceled

The specification is objected to as allegedly failing to provide support for terms in claims 7, 18 and 28. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, 15-24, 26-31, 33 and 34 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-3, 9-11, 13, 22-24, 26 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,819,273 ("Benson"). Claims 4, 6, 8, 15-17, 19-21, 27, 30, 31, 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Benson in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art ("APA"). Claims 7, 18 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Benson in view of United States Patent No. 5,588,147 ("Neeman"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Specification

The specification is objected to as allegedly failing to provide support for the terms "member of a group" in claims 7, 18 and 28. Claims 7, 18 and 28 are hereby canceled.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, 15-24, 26-31, 33 and 34 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Office Action alleges that claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, 15-24, 26-31, 33 and 34 fail to be limited to a practical application. Applicants note that claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, 15-24, 26-31, 33 and 34 are hereby canceled. Applicants also submit that new independent claims 35, 43 and 51 recite a number of practical applications such as, for example, but not limited to, displaying a master file or a replica of the master file. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections are respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 9-11, 13, 22-24, 26 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,819,273 (“Benson”). Applicants note that claims 1-3, 9-11, 13, 22-24, 26 and 29 are hereby cancelled. Additionally, for at least the reasons described below, Applicants further submit that new claims 35-58 are also not anticipated by Benson.

New independent claims 35, 43 and 51 recite a master file stored at a client computing device.

The Office Action (See ¶ spanning pages 5 and 6) cites Benson (Col. 3, l. 64 - Col. 4, l. 2) as teaching a master file that is stored at a client. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Benson fails to teach or suggest this feature. Benson (Col. 3, l. 64 - Col. 4, l. 2) discloses that replicas are stored on a number of different servers. However, other portions of Benson make clear that the master is **not** stored on a client. Specifically, Benson discloses that the master file is stored in the user's mailbox (Col. 4, ll. 10-12) which is stored at the user's home server (Fig. 1, Col. 3, ll. 56-60). Thus, in Benson, the master file is stored on the home server and replicas of the master file are stored on other servers. The master is **not** stored on the client.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 35, 43 and 51 are not anticipated by Benson. Applicants further submit that claims 36-42, 44-50 and 52-58 are patentable at least by reason of their dependency. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections are respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4, 6, 8, 15-17, 19-21, 27, 30, 31, 33 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Benson in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art (“APA”). Claims 7, 18 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Benson in view of United States Patent No. 5,588,147 (“Neeman”). Applicants note that these claims are hereby canceled. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added in the above amendments. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

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